

HOSPITAL AND TRAINING-SCHOOL ITEMS



HOSPITALS

Mrs. MOUNSEY, a Toronto General graduate who recently took charge of the Swan River Hospital, Northwest Territory, writes thus of the opening of the hospital:

"The Ladies' Aid Society asked all invited guests to bring with them non-perishable provisions to the value of twenty-five cents each. Next day the hospital reminded one of a well-stocked meat market and grocery combined. We felt quite satisfied that some time would elapse before we were reduced to starvation. The reception, or 'at home,' was conducted in the usual way, Miss Fyfe and myself remaining with the president at the door to be introduced to the guests. Many of the country people brought their babies and spent the day with us, and although the day was very stormy, a large number came. The hospital is prettily situated on a high bank overlooking the Swan River. The older residents anticipate very high water this year on account of the unusual amount of snow and ice. The mud is of the black, sticky kind, and takes a long time to dry. We can accommodate ten patients and expect before long to have everything complete and a pretty home as well as hospital."

SOME WAYS IN WHICH HOSPITALS ARE BEING AIDED

Mrs. MAUNE M. JACKSON, for the Iroquois Memorial Association, has begun the organization of children's clubs which will gather funds for the proposed emergency hospital in the downtown district. Already two clubs have been formed. Mrs. Jackson has an office at 900 Calumet Building, 188 LaSalle Street, Chicago, Ill.

AN entertainment was given in Arion Hall, Rockaway Beach, L. I., for the benefit of the fund to establish an emergency hospital. A fairy play, "Snow White," a dramatization of the German fairy tale, "Schneewichen," written expressly for the occasion, was presented by seventy-five children.

THE Delaware and Hudson Railroad Company has contributed two thousand five hundred dollars to the fund for the erection of a hospital at Plattsburg, N. Y. This is to be used to endow a bed to be known as the Delaware and Hudson bed. The institution will be known as the Plattsburg City Hospital.

TRAINING-SCHOOL NOTES

AT the urgent request of the Maryland Commission for the State Exhibit at the St. Louis Exposition the Johns Hopkins Hospital Training-School has undertaken to prepare and send an exhibit showing something of the work of the Training-School. Owing to the late hour at which the work was undertaken, and the great amount of work involved in getting up such an exhibit, it will not be possible to present everything in the most complete and desirable manner, and allowances must be made for the finish and detail of work put through in

great haste in a few weeks which really requires the careful, elaborate effort and thought of months.

Spaco has been allotted in the Educational Building, and stress is laid upon those features which show methods of training and instruction.

The exhibit comprises series of photographs taken in various parts of the hospital, showing the several classes engaged in bandaging, in dissecting and using the microscope, in the study of anatomy and physiology, in the study and analysis of specimens in the clinical laboratory, in demonstrations of methods of practical nursing, in preparation of drugs in the pharmacy, and in the preparation of broths, desserts, modified milk, etc., in the diet kitchens.

There are also full-size models of nursing appliances, such as nightingales, extension stockings and binders, framed, together with photographs of the same articles in use by patients in the wards, and in several instances a corresponding stocking or binder of diminutive size is to be seen applied to a small model, giving a clearer idea of its details than might otherwise be obtained.

Miniature models of a croup tent, sweat-bath, inhalation tent, back-rest, typhoid and continuous baths, are set up as though in operation, demonstrating the methods here employed for such forms of nursing.

A small corner given over to tuberculous nursing shows the equipment of the visiting nurse of the Johns Hopkins tuberculosis clinic, with basket, charts, records, and reports, and it also shows a tent suitable for the out-of-door treatment of these patients containing the necessary furniture and a small model properly attired to benefit by this treatment. Specimens of other charts, temperature sheets, bedside records, and the several baskets in use throughout the wards for making dressings and holding necessary toilet articles, as well as the baskets carried by the visiting orthopaedic and outside obstetrical nurses, are demonstrated with the full complement of appliances.

A miniature operating-room contains a patient prepared for operation, with all the tables and dressings in readiness, from the solutions for cleaning up the doctor's hands, through the various stages to an infusion apparatus ready for use. Samples of the dressings used in the operating-rooms and wards are done up in packages of the usual size and are arranged adjacent to the operating-room.

From these demonstrations, together with numerous views of the hospital and interiors of the store-rooms, laboratories, students' sleeping-apartments, lecture- and class-rooms, it is hoped that a fair idea of the opportunities offered for nurses' instruction as well as some of the results of this training may be gained.

THE graduating exercises of the St. Camillus Training-School, Kalamazoo, Mich., under the charge of the Sisters of St. Joseph, were held April 20. The following is an extract from an essay read by one of the graduating class, entitled "All Attainments are the Result of Effort:"

"Nursing is an art, requiring as earnest preparation as that of any sculptor or painter, for what is the having to do with canvas or marble compared with the living body, the temple of God?

"A nurse must have higher motives and higher ideas; she must concentrate her thoughts upon the thing she is doing. It does not do to be absent-minded, we must be exact and thorough, there must be no if's. Frequently we have only one chance, and there must be absolutely no mistake. Faithful, conscientious, intelligent work alone will bring us success. The secret of ultimate success lies not only in our skill, but in our faithful application to duty.

"Tact is one of the rarest gifts of God, and is very important to the nurse; it is that which helps to meet emergencies, to soothe the sick, to calm the anxious and alarmed friends, who are often more difficult to manage than the patient. A nurse cannot too soon convince herself that she must have all her faculties under perfect control, and must possess in an eminent degree that calm dignity so essential. The nurse must remember that she is the connecting-link between the physician and the patient, responsible to the one and for the other.

"Nursing trains the eye and the hand and, we may say, the heart also, for who could be brought in contact with suffering creatures without that divine precept entering the heart, 'Love one another'? The nurse is called to minister to all sorts of characters, refined, rough, capricious, ungrateful, good and bad, and must see in all God's image. For the time being she must make herself the guardian and friend of each, never losing sight of her responsibility of doing good. She must preserve serenity of countenance, sweetness of manners and voice, which are sunshine in a sick-room. She must guard against discouragement in painful circumstances. The charity which animates her must emanate from the heart of God. Like our Divine Lord, she goes about doing good to suffering humanity, as a cup of cold water given in God's name is not to go unrewarded. What a glorious testimony will her life's labor call forth on the day of eternal reward if she is true to her calling! therefore she must love her neighbor in and for God. This should be the keynote of duty for her. Small acts of thoughtful kindness often bring sweet recompense of gratitude. A nurse should be a quick observer and of a sympathetic yet not too susceptible nature. It is a noble career, but hardships must be endured and obstacles overcome. There is no work in which faithfulness in little things has larger results than in nursing. May our pilgrimage here be a symphony, whose harmonies, while blessing our life on this earth, will surge onward and ring out yet clearer and more beautiful unto the life eternal. May our good Lord help us realize our highest aims, and may He give us abundantly of His graces, that we may do His work while we live, and be greeted when our labor is over with the words, 'Well done, good and faithful servant, enter into eternal joy.'"

ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL of Jacksonville, Fla., graduated a class of five nurses May 4, the occasion being the first public exercises of the kind held since the Training-School was organized in 1893. The superintendent, Miss Petting, gave an address, in which the following remarks to the public show that the school is working towards the best professional standards:

"It is not necessary to dwell upon those who have deserted the ranks or those who lacked the requisites of a good nurse. But I cannot refrain from sounding a warning note to the public. When employing a graduate nurse, a stranger to you and your physician, require her to show her diploma. And we would caution the public against receiving women who profess to have left the school. 'Leaving' implies that they have been found unfit at the close of the two months of probation, or that they have broken their contract to remain in the school for the course of training, or that they have been dismissed for inefficiency or misconduct. If for any reason a pupil leaves the school with the approbation of the committee, she will, if she wishes it, receive a written discharge. This is to you and to us a very serious matter, and proper precautions should be taken to protect the public, our hospital, and graduates from other schools."

The graduating class consisted of five young ladies: Miss Beatrice Daniel,

Misses Eulalie Henry and Olive Kea Henry, Miss Irmiona Johnson, and Miss Isadora M. Roof. As Miss Roof had been called home by illness in the family, and could not be present at the exercises, a pupil nurse acted as her proxy.

THE graduating exercises of the Training-School of the Presbyterian Hospital in Philadelphia were held on Tuesday, May 3, at eight o'clock p.m., in the Princeton Presbyterian Church. Rev. J. Addison Henry, D.D., and Dr. William E. Hughes addressed the graduating class. Rev. Charles A. Dickey, D.D., presented the diplomas and badges to the members of the class. Miss M. Katherine Thatcher was awarded the Jessie Miller Ward prize for the highest average of marks. A reception, which was largely attended, was held in the Nurses' Home after the exercises. The graduates were Miss Anna E. Abele, Mrs. Maude G. Barnes, Miss Mary B. Beattie, Miss M. Louise Beatty, Miss Beatrice Blackstock, Miss Agnes C. Browne, Miss Mary B. Cameron, Miss Mildred Clark, Miss Beatrice E. Connely, Miss Ethel Fisher, Miss D. Elizabeth Johnson, Miss Willow Jordan, Miss Mabel A. Metzler, Miss Sophia D. Reess, Miss Julia F. Sharpless, Miss M. Katherine Thatcher, Miss Myrtle M. Weaver, and Miss Mary N. Wenger.

THE graduating exercises of the German Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y., were held May 12, 1904. Thirteen young women received diplomas. A very interesting musical programme was one of the special features of the evening. Addresses were made by President Heltman, of the German Hospital Association, and Rev. Dr. Jacob Loeb. Dr. J. H. Droge, chairman of the Executive Committee, delivered the address to the graduating class in a most able manner. Vice-President Francis A. Deek presented the diplomas and medals to the graduates. A reception followed the exercises. In the afternoon the class were given an automobile ride around the city through Prospect Park. The Alumna Association of the hospital served a dainty luncheon in the Nurses' Home.

THE graduating exercises of the Farrand Training-School in connection with Harper Hospital, Detroit, Mich., were held on the evening of April 28 in the new clinic amphitheatre, which is part of the magnificent operating building just erected in memory of the late S. M. Cateheon. The principal feature of the evening was the "Practical Demonstration in Nursing" by the graduating class. Interesting addresses were given by Dr. F. W. Manns and Mr. J. L. Hudson, president of the Board of Trustees, who also presented diplomas to the graduating class, numbering twenty-six. Dr. J. H. Carstens, chief of the visiting staff, presented the badges, after which an informal reception was held at the Swain Home for the nurses and their friends.

MISS SNIVELY was the recipient of the following letter on April 20:

"DEAR MISS SNIVELY: The Training-School Committee of the Lakeside Hospital, Cleveland, have instructed me to cordially invite you to give the graduating address to the Class of 1904. The exercises takes place on May 17. Personally allow me to urge you to come. Both Mrs. Robb and I are anxious to see members of our own profession take their rightful place before the nursing public. Please do come.

"E. MAUD ELLIS."

Miss Snively has accepted this invitation.

THE Presbyterian Hospital, New York, graduated the following nurses on May 12: Sara Belle Mounce, Catherine Munro Forrest, Mary Wood Guion, Augusta Hobart English, Sylvia Hartstene Davis, Marlon Elisabeth Hesselstine,

Ethel Maria Darling, Alice Shove Wood, Margaret Alien Cruise, Jean Cleland, Edith Virginia Gardiner, Margaret Elisa Baker, Julia Carolyn Hicks, Anna Oleonda Becker, Ethel Irene Fuller, Jessie May Welch, Mary Maude Tennant, and Katherine Clarke Mooney.

THE South Side Hospital, of Pittsburgh, Pa., held graduating exercises on May 10 with an interesting programme. The following young ladies received diplomas: Miss Mary Ellen Haslett, Oil City, Pa.; Miss Mary Leola McNeece, Eufeld, Pa.; Miss Laura Helena O'Connor, Guelph, Canada; Miss Margaret Edna Camblin, New Castle, Pa.

NOTICE TO APPLICANTS FOR ADMISSION TO TEACHERS COLLEGE COURSE IN HOSPITAL ECONOMICS.—Miss Anna C. Maxwell has kindly consented to act as chairman during Miss Banfield's absence abroad. Applications should therefore be made to her at the Presbyterian Hospital, New York City, for all information and application blanks.

THE Training-School of the McKeesport Hospital, Pa., graduated a class of five nurses on May 10, Miss Nora Leone Jones, Miss Marie Faust Watson, Miss Anna Caldwell, Miss Julia Charlotte Jonason, and Miss Caroline Pamela Ricketson.

PERSONAL

THE Associated Nurses of St. Louis have secured headquarters in the Fraternity Building, World's Fair Grounds, where visiting nurses may register and receive a pass which will entitle them to the privileges of the building. A nurse will be in charge to welcome and give any information necessary to those of the profession visiting the Fair. Nurses so desiring may have their mail addressed to the "Nurses' Headquarters, Fraternity Building, World's Fair Grounds, St. Louis, Mo." The association is looking forward with pleasure to meeting many visiting nurses, and hope none will fail to seek the rest of a quiet hour at the headquarters when tired with sight-seeing on the Fair Grounds.

Mrs. MARIAN D. LINGENFELTER has resigned as superintendent of the Amsterdam General Hospital, Amsterdam, N. Y., and will take a long rest at her home in Auburn, N. Y. Mrs. Lingenfelter has been in charge of this hospital for twelve years. She has been an active member and an officer in the State Nurses' Association, advocating high standards in the training of nurses. Much regret is expressed by the public in Amsterdam at her resignation.

MISS JULIA M. LEACH has been appointed superintendent of the Salem Hospital, Salem, Mass. Miss Leach graduated from the Salem Hospital Training-School, Class of 1898. She is a member of the Spanish-American War Nurses' Association, and served at Camp Wicoff, Montauk Point, thence to Josiah Simpson Hospital, Fortress Monroe, Va., and was discharged from the government service May 5, 1899.

MISS LOUISE KNAUSS, superintendent of the Lutheran Hospital at 2610 Potomac Street, St. Louis, Mo., has been appointed superintendent of nurses at the World's Fair Emergency Hospital under Dr. Laidley. There were many applicants for the position, among them being one from London, England. Miss Krauss is planning to study medicine at the University of Michigan after the Fair.

A PARTY of trained nurses under the leadership of Countess Bavada, who is an American by birth, a native of New Orleans, but has lived many years in Russia, are on their way to Port Arthur to tender their services to the Russian Red Cross. The six young women accompanying her are from New York, Boston, and Pittsburg.

MR. AND MRS. SAMUEL BLAKE, of London, England, spent a short time in Philadelphia recently. Mrs. Blake was Miss Florence Cameron, a graduate of the Pennsylvania Hospital in 1900. Miss Cameron was one of the nurses who went to South Africa during the Boer War.

MISS LOUISE HUSBAND has been appointed head nurse of the Eye Department, General Hospital, Toronto, and Miss Clara Brown as head nurse of the private wards in the same institution. These nurses are both graduates of the Toronto School, Class of 1903.

MISS EMILY CHILMAN, lady superintendent of the General Hospital, Stratford, Ont., sailed for England and the Continent on April 21. She will be abroad three months, and expects to be present at the conference in Berlin in June.

MISS LISABEL ISAACS, Toronto Hospital School for Nurses, Class of 1891, has been appointed superintendent of night nurses in the new St. Luke's Hospital, St. Louis, Mo. Miss Isaacs entered upon her duties May 1.

MISS IDA R. PALMER has resigned as superintendent of the Training-School at Parks Hospital, Glens Falls, N. Y., and will remain with her sister in Rochester during the coming year.

MISS A. D. VAN KIRK has succeeded Miss Sutcliffe as superintendent of nurses at the Long Island College Hospital in Brooklyn, N. Y., with Miss Anderson as her assistant.

MISS ANNA BOLTZ, a graduate of the Pennsylvania Hospital in 1902, has left for Bar Harbor to take a position in the hospital there.

MISS ELISABETH M. EVANS and patient, of Baltimore, Md., sail June 16 for an extended tour in Europe.



ANÆMIA IN CHILDREN.—Among other causes of anæmia G. Carrière mentions overfeeding. An excess of alimentation causes gastric stasis and intestinal auto-intoxication, and resorption of the intestinal poisons destroys the red globules and causes anæmia. The author has observed three cases in which overfed children were restored to health simply by moderating their diet without any other treatment. Anæmia in children may also be caused by chilling, which is not surprising, as the writer has proved by experimentation that cold induces a marked destruction of red corpuscles. Overtaxing the physical or mental strength is another frequent cause of anæmia. The author recommends the usual hygienic measures, and in the way of medication praises the cacodylate of sodium. It is best to use it for a while, beginning with three-drop doses twice a day and increasing a drop at a time until ten drops are taken twice daily. This may be kept up for eight days, diminished drop by drop until the primary dosage is reached, and a rest of ten days is then taken. Iron treatment may be instituted later.—*Le Nord Médical*.